



EASY PEASY BAG

Yarn

Photographed using Sari Ribbon sh. 8 Wedding 1 x 100g hank

Needles

Pair of 10 mm (US 15) knitting needles

Extras

Pair of 20 cm (8 in) wide curved-top bag handles
1 x length of felt, 28 cm (11 in) wide x 60 cm (24 in) for lining
2 x Knitted rosettes (see instructions below)

Tension/gauge

9 sts x 15 rows to 10 cm (4 in) square measured over st st using 10 mm (US 15) knitting needles.

Size (approximate)

28 cm (11 in) wide x 30 cm (12 in) long

Abbreviations

alt alternate; **beg** begin(ning); **cm** centimetre(s); **cont** continu(e)(ing); **dec** decreas(e)(ing); **fol** follow(s)(ing); **in** inch(es); **inc** increase(e)(ing); **K** knit; **P** purl; **rem** remain(ing); **rep** repeat; **RS** right side; **st(s)** stitch(es); **st st** stocking/stockinette stitch; **WS** wrong side.
wrap st wrap next stitch by slipping next stitch on to right needle, take yarn to opposite side of work between needles, slip same stitch back onto left needle and turn. When working back across wrapped stitch, work loop and stitch together as one stitch.

Bag

Using 10 mm (US 15) knitting needles cast on 30 sts.

Work 3 rows in st st.

Next row(WS)(fold-line for handle): Knit.

Beg with a K row, work 30 cm (12 in) in st st, ending with a **RS** row.

Next row(WS)(bottom fold-line): Knit.

Beg with a K row, work 30 cm (12 in) in st st, ending with a **RS** row.

Next row(WS)(fold-line for handle): Knit.

Beg with a K row, work 3 rows in st st.

Cast off knitwise (on WS).

To finish

Fold knitted piece for bag in half at bottom fold-line with RS together.

With WS facing and two sides of row-end edges together, sew a seam of 23 cm (9 in) using back stitch.

Repeat for seam on the opposite side. Turn bag RS out.

Slip cast-on edge through gap in curved handle. Using fold-line as a guide, slip st cast-on edge in place approx 2.5 cm (1 in) on inside of bag. Repeat for handle on opposite side.

Fold felted fabric for lining in half along lower edge.

With WS facing and two longer sides together, sew a seam of 23 cm (9 in), allowing a 2 cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in) seam allowance. Repeat for seam on opposite side.

Slip bag lining inside knitted bag, turning a 2 cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in) seam at top and sides to WS. Pin just below seams for handles, slip stitch lining into place.

Use a selection of knitted rosettes to decorate.

2 colour rosette

Using oddments of yarn and buttons, assign shades A and B.

Using appropriately sized needles and yarn A cast on 112 sts.

Change to yarn B.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: K2, (K1, slip this st back onto LH needle, lift the next 8 sts on LH needle over this st and off needle, knit the first st again, K2) 10 times. (32 sts)

Row 3: Knit 24 sts, wrap next st, turn work,

Row 4: Knit 24 to end.

Row 5: Knit 16 sts, wrap next st, turn work,

Row 6: Knit 16 to end.

Row 7: Knit 8 sts, wrap next st, turn work,

Row 8: Knit 8 to end.

Cut yarn and thread this yarn through sts on needle, pull tightly to create a rosette, secure with a few stitches.

Cut yarn and thread through sts on needle, pull tightly to create a rosette, secure with a few stitches and add a button to the rosette centre.